

(b) USE OF EXCESS M-1 RIFLES FOR CEREMONIAL AND OTHER PURPOSES.—Section 4683 of such title is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(3) Rifles loaned or donated under paragraph (1) may be used by an eligible designee for funeral ceremonies of a member or former member of the armed forces and for other ceremonial purposes.”;

(2) in subsection (c), by inserting after “accountability” the following: “, provided that such conditions do not unduly hamper eligible designees from participating in funeral ceremonies of a member or former member of the armed forces or other ceremonies”;

(3) in subsection (d)—

(A) in paragraph (2), by striking “; or” and inserting “or fire department”;

(B) in paragraph (3), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(4) any other member in good standing of an organization described in paragraphs (1), (2), or (3).”; and

(4) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(e) ELIGIBLE DESIGNEE DEFINED.—In this section, the term ‘eligible designee’ means a designee of an eligible organization who—

“(1) is a spouse, son, daughter, nephew, niece, or other family relation of a member or former member of the armed forces;

“(2) is at least 18 years of age; and

“(3) has successfully completed a formal firearm training program or a hunting safety program.”.

**SA 4539.** Mr. WARNER proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end of subtitle A of title XXVIII, add the following:

**SEC. 2814. AUTHORITY TO OCCUPY UNITED STATES SOUTHERN COMMAND FAMILY HOUSING.**

(a) The Secretary of the Army may authorize family members of a member of the armed forces on active duty who is occupying a housing unit leased under section 2828(b)(4) of title 10, United States Code and who is assigned to a family-member-restricted area to remain in the leased housing unit until the member completes the family-member-restricted tour. Costs incurred for such housing during such tour shall be included in the costs subject to the limitation under subparagraph (B) of that paragraph.

(b) The authority granted by subsection (a) shall expire on September 30, 2008.

**SA 4540.** Mr. LEVIN (for Mr. REED) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end of subtitle I of title X, add the following:

**SEC. 1084. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR SOUTH COUNTY COMMUTER RAIL PROJECT, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND.**

Funds available for the South County Commuter Rail project, Providence, Rhode

Island, authorized by paragraphs (34) and (35) of section 3034(d) of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (Public Law 109-59; 119 Stat. 1650) shall be available for the purchase of commuter rail equipment for the South County Commuter Rail project upon the receipt by the Rhode Island Department of Transportation of an approved environmental assessment for the South County Commuter Rail project.

**SA 4541.** Mr. LEVIN (for Mr. OBAMA) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end of subtitle C of title XXVIII, add the following:

**SEC. 2834. REPORT ON AIR FORCE AND AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASES AFFECTED BY 2005 ROUND OF DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT.**

(a) REPORT.—Not later than January 1, 2007, the Secretary of the Air Force shall submit to Congress a report on planning by the Department of the Air Force for future roles and missions for active and Air National Guard personnel and installations affected by decisions of the 2005 round of defense base closure and realignment.

(b) CONTENT.—The report required under subsection (a) shall include—

(1) an assessment of the capabilities, characteristics, and capacity of the facilities, infrastructure, and authorized personnel at each affected base;

(2) a description of the planning process used by the Air Force to determine future roles and missions at active and Air National Guard bases affected by the decisions of the 2005 round of defense base closure and realignment, including an analysis of alternatives for installations to support each future role or mission;

(3) a description of the future roles and missions under consideration for each active and Air National Guard base and an explanation of the criteria and decision-making process to make final decisions about future roles and missions for each base; and

(4) a timeline for decisions on the final determination of future roles and missions for each active and Air National Guard base affected by the decisions of the 2005 round of defense base closure and realignment.

(c) BASES COVERED.—The report required under subsection (a) shall include information on each active and Air National Guard base at which the number of aircraft, weapon systems, or functions is proposed to be reduced or eliminated and to any installation that was considered as a potential receiving location for the realignment of aircraft, weapons systems, or functions.

## NOTICES OF HEARINGS

### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will be held on Thursday, June 29, 2006, at 10 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on H.R. 5254, the Refinery Permit Process Schedule Act.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact John Peschke at (202) 224-4797, Shannon Ewan at (202) 224-7555.

### SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS AND FORESTS

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will be held on Wednesday, July 19, at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to provide oversight on the implementation of Public Law 108-148 (The Healthy Forests Restoration Act).

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Frank Gladics at 202-224-2878 or Sara Zecher 202-224-8276.

## AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

### COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 22, 2006, at 3:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing on “Reauthorization of the Iran Libya Sanctions Act.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to hold an Executive Session to begin at 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 22, 2006.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 22, 2006, at 10 a.m. The purpose of